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COMMENTS ON DAS/SPR/74.29 ANNEX, TEXT OF EXAMPLES OF
ISSUES IS AS FOLLOWS:

DO MNES RESTRICT THE AVAILABILITY OF TECHNOLOGIES
USEFUL TO HOST COUNTRY OBJECTIVES THROUGH THEIR
PATENT POLICIES, ABOLITION OF R&D IN ACQUIRED FIRMS,
MARKET DOMINANCE, OR OTHER BUSINESS STRATEGIES?

TO WHAT EXTENT DOES MNE R&D (WHETHER DONE IN THE
HOST OR HOME COUNTRY OR ELSEWHERE) AND THE DIFFUSION
OF MNE TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS
CONTRIBUTE TO HOST AND HOME COUNTRY OBJECTIVES, (TO
THE EXTENT THESE CAN BE IDENTIFIED) OVER AND ABOVE
THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE MNE'S PARTICULAR BUSINESS
OBJECTIVES?

HOW DO HOST COUNTRY POLICIES (VIS-A-VIS DISCRIMI-
NATORY TREATMENT OF FOREIGN INVESTORS) AFFECT THE
R&D STRATEGIES OF MNES AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE
STRATEGIES TO HOST AND HOME COUNTRY OBJECTIVES
(AGAIN, TO THE EXTENT THESE OBJECTIVES CAN BE
IDENTIFIED)?

HOW USEFUL TO HOST COUNTRY OBJECTIVES IS THE TRAINING
(TECHNOLOGICAL AND MANAGERIAL) OF LOCAL SCIENTISTS
AND ENGINEERS BY MNES? HOW IS THIS LIMITED BY
TRADITION AND/OR REGULATION PREVAILING IN THE HOST
COUNTRY WHICH RESTRICTS EMPLOYEE MOBILITY?

WHERE THE EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT A CLEAR PROBLEM
EXISTS, WHAT POLICY CHOICES ARE AVAILABLE TO GOVERN-
MENTS FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS INCLUDING
"GUIDELINES" OR "CODES OF CONDUCT" BUT ALSO INCLUDING
MEASURES OR PROGRAMS WHICH MAY NOT INVOLVE MNES? KISSINGER

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